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For: *System and Method for Usage of a Role Certificate in Encryption, and as a Seal, Digital Stamp and Signature*

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 10, 2004, issued in connection with the above-identified application, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks.

A **Substitute Specification** begins on page 2 and is reflected in the attached clean and marked copies.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 18 of this paper.